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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONSUL'S REMARKS ABOUT KBW POSTERS

REF: A) BONN 8604; B) USBERLIN 1080; C) BONN 8361;
D) USBERLIN 1044; E) USBERLIN 943; F) USBERLIN 1140

1. AFTER CONSIDERING THE ARGUMENTS PRESENTED IN REFTELS,
THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT A FORMAL REJOINDER
TO THE "THREAT" MADE BY KOZOBRODOV IS NECESSARY OR
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APPROPRIATE. WE HAVE RECEIVED A "HALF-APOLOGY" FROM
THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN (REF E) FOR THE
MISCONDUCT BY THE SOVIET PATROL IN REMOVING THE KBW
POSTER ON APRIL 5. THIS IS THE APPROPRIATE AND
AUTHORITATIVE SOVIET SOURCE TO COMMENT ON PATROL
ACTIVITIES AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD LEND WEIGHT
TO KOZOBRODOV'S OFFHAND COMMENTS BY RAISING THE

MATTER WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY.

2. KOZOBRODOV'S "BOUTADE" ON POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY SOVIET PATROLS WAS CLEARLY IMPROPER IN TERMS OF AGREED MINUTE II OF THE QA. SINCE WE DID NOT OBJECT AT THE TIME ON THESE GROUNDS, HOWEVER, AND IN VIEW OF THE CONTEXT IN WHICH THE REMARKS WERE MADE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A WRIST-SLAPPING APPROACH TO BYKOV NOW WOULD BE DESIRABLE OR PRODUCTIVE. IT COULD LEAD TO FURTHER POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL AND ALSO

EXTEND UNNECESSARILY DEBATE ON THIS ESSENTIALLY TRIVIAL INCIDENT.

3. MISSION BERLIN SHOULD INFORM THE OTHER ALLIES OF THE ABOVE AND THAT WE HOPE THAT THE MATTER CAN NOW BE LAID TO REST. VANCE

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